**Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific**  
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**Agenda 3a:** Monitoring progress in line with the document entitled “Advancing official statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

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**Statement:**

The Republic of Korea appreciates the ESCAP for its efforts in informing its member of the comprehensive progress summary of the statistical capacities in Asia and the Pacific region.

Korea expects that a further detailed progress results by country will be shared. This will allow the member states to identify gaps in each of the Action Areas and to better utilize their resources in enhancing their national statistical capacities.

Korea, with the aim to strengthen its statistical capacities, has been investing heavily in data integration, namely Action area C. We are committed to sharing our experience and methodological and technological expertise with the members aiming to minimize data gaps in the region. (ex) register-based censuses, population mobility analysis, comprehensive Pensions Statistic

In addition, Korea, as a member of the Governing Council of the UNSIAP, is going to provide continued support for capacity building activities in the region. Korea will also assist countries individually in a capacity of our ODA programs.

As being now halfway to achieve the SDGs, we'd like to urge the ESCAP to assess changes in the institutional and policy environments of the member states and disseminate best practices among them, in order to encourage learning from each other toward the SDGs.

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